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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 July 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2 and 6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1,3-5 and 7-12 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 20 April 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/627,070.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/9/04;8/7/06.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 2 and 6 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on July 9, 2007.
2. Applicant's election with traverse of the embodiment shown in Figures 6 and 11 in the reply filed on July 9, 2007 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the claims are not limited to the features of any one specific species. This is not found persuasive.

Independent claims 1 and 5 recites two symbol generators that modulate the "digital transmission signal" thereby corresponding to the embodiment shown in Figures 6 and 11 whereas independent claims 2 and 6 recite a second symbol generator that modulates a known digital transmission signal (e.g. a "pilot symbol") thereby corresponding to the embodiment shown in Figures 1 and 16. Since Figures 6 and 11 do not show the modulation of a known digital transmission signal, claims 2 and 6 cannot be generic to these embodiments. Similarly, since Figures 1 and 16 do not show two symbol generators that modulate the same "digital transmission signal," claims 1 and 5 cannot be generic to these embodiments. Furthermore, page 14, lines 16-19 differentiates the embodiments shown in Figures 1 and 6 by pointing out the

Figure 1 uses a "BPSK modulation section 602 instead of pilot symbol generation section 103." The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

3. The applicant is reminded to cancel claims 2 and 6 or take other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144).

Drawings

4. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: "2213" on page 33, line 28 and "2214" on page 34, line 2. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

5. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: on page 24, line 27; page 28, line 14; and page 30, line 4, "8 fewer" should be "less than 8" for improved readability. Appropriate correction is required.
6. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-12 are allowed.
8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: prior art of record does not teach or suggests in combination a transmission apparatus or method that includes determining a modulation system based on communication system; modulating a digital transmission signal according to the determined modulation system; and modulating the digital transmission signal according to a predetermined modulation system, as recited in claims 1 and 5, respectively.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following references disclose transmission systems or methods that modulate digital transmission signals using two different modulation techniques: Chung et al. (US Patent No. 5,214,656); Calderbank (US Patent No. 5,377,194) and Furuya (US Patent No. 5,577,987).

10. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

- a. objections to the drawings and specification; and
- b. cancellation of claims 2 and 6.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Betsy L. Deppe whose telephone number is (571) 272-3054. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on (571) 272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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